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under the Paperwork Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMfrontrol number ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES CH920020037USA DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 20 December 2002 13 November 2003 PCT/IB2003/05129 TITLE OF INVENTION Surface Treatment APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US International Business Machines Corporation Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and Other information: 1. XX This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35U.S.C. 371. 2. \_\_\_ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35U.S.C. 371. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and 21 indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. XX A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. XX is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Burcau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \_\_\_ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. \_\_\_ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. \_\_\_ are attached hereto b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. \_\_\_ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. \_\_\_ have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. \_\_\_ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. \_\_\_ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. \_\_\_ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. \_\_\_ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. XX A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. \_\_\_ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. \_\_\_ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. \_\_\_ A second copy of the published international application under 35U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

this collection of information is required by 37CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiallity is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete. including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the SPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form an/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information (fifer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Depurartment of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mall Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

20. XX Other items or information: Unexectued Declaration and Power of Attorney

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS SURFACE TREATMENT (Amended)

The following documents are submitted to USPTO on June 20, 2005. Please stamp and return this paper to us.

- 1. Copy of International Application as filed (specification: 22 pages including claims and abstract)
  - 2. Number of sheets of drawings: 8
  - 3. Preliminary Amendment
  - 4. Letter in support of the US National Phase
  - 5. Papers filed on June 16, 2005
  - 6. Declaration

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### **LETTER**

Sir:

This letter is being submitted in support of the National Phase Application for the docket noted above. June 20, 2005 is the deadline for entering National Phase in the US for the above-noted application which claims priority from PCT Application No. PCT/IB2003/05129 filed on November 12, 2003 and published as WO 2004/056470 on July 8, 2004, which claims priority from European Application No. 02028555.7, filed on December 20, 2002.

On June 16, 2005. Applicants filed papers to satisfy the US National Phase requirements of the above-noted application and paid the required fee. Applicants have not yet received Application Serial Number for the June 16, 2005 filing. The papers including Express Mail Receipt as filed on June 16, 2005 are enclosed herewith. However, Applicants erroneously filed the June 16, 2005 papers without claiming priority to the abovementioned PCT Application.

In an abundance of caution, Applicants are resubmitting papers for US National Phase filing. Applicants request that the fee paid on June 16, 2005 be diverted to satisfy the fee requirements for the US National Phase papers being filed with this letter.

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Alternatively, please consider letter as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181, or 1.182, or 1.183 to convert the application filed on June 16, 2005 to a US National Phase Application claiming priority from PCT Application No. PCT/IB2003/05129 filed on November 12, 2003 and published as WO 2004/056470 on July 8, 2004, which claims priority from European Application No. 02028555.7, filed on December 20, 2002.

Applicants would promptly provide to the concerned Examiner the Application Serial Number information for the June 16. 2005 filing upon receipt from the USPTO.

Please charge any petition fees for this application to account no. 09-0468.

Respectfully submitted,

Satheesh K. Karra

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventor(s): Bruno Michel, Sergey Amontov, Emmanuel Delamarche

**ASSIGNEE NAME: International Business Machines Corporation** 

ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: Armonk, New York

For: SURFACE TREATMENT

Enclosed are:

X \_\_8\_\_ Sheets of Formal Drawings.

X Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached to the application.

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